

SENATE RESOLUTION
8675

By Senators Delvin, Benson, Brown, Deccio, Hewitt, Honeyford and McCaslin

WHEREAS, The Eastern Washington Elite Dance Teams consist of three teams with 41 total dancers; and

WHEREAS, The Senior Elite and Senior Prep teams each include 14 dancers, with members ranging from ninth grade through twelfth grade, and the Junior Elite team includes 13 dancers with members ranging from sixth grade through ninth grade; and

WHEREAS, Members of the three teams reside throughout the Tri-Cities, Spokane, Walla Walla, and Yakima and come to practice in Kennewick with Coach Teri Rowe; and

WHEREAS, On February 4, 2005, the teams participated in the Universal Dance Association sponsored National Dance Team Championships in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, The Senior Elite, including Anna Merrifield, Tiffany Huber, Marisha Mikheeva, Kate Griffith, Molly Moffett, Jessica Quinn, Courtney Hutchins, Carli Forthun, Alissa Gunderson, Amanda Shortell, Ashley Sanislo, Desiree Walter, Kelsey Hamada, and Angie Barness, won the National Championships in hip-hop dance and jazz; and

WHEREAS, The Senior Prep, including Andrea Crass, Celestan Frost, Rebecca Gaulke, Megan Huber, Ashley Georgia, Ashley Cosgrove, Melissa Johnson, Jackie Delo, Chanelle Whaley, Caroline Cayetano, Amanda Pentilla, Kelsey Skinner, Tawni Kay, and Heather King placed fourth in pom-pom dance; and

WHEREAS, The Junior Elite, including Kelsey Wehner, Tori Stephenson, Bailey Urness, Olecia Mikheeva, Sam Minyard, Jill Wyss, Sharayah Ott, Haylee Tayamen, Paige Bobiles, Danielle Barness, Cara Scovazzo, Megan Bissell, and Carsen Rowe, won their second consecutive National Championship in hip-hop dance and placed second in jazz; and

WHEREAS, Head coach Teri Rowe along with assistant coaches Jen Malloy, Serena Dotson, Mandy Case, and Heather Hanson provide excellent guidance and leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate officially recognize the Eastern Washington Elite Dance teams, their exemplary performance at the National Dance Team Championships, and their inspiring representation of our state for all Washingtonians.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8675,
adopted by the Senate
April 7, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate